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SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners,

As an Oregon State Senator from Southeast Portland and Milwaukie, the Senate Majority Leader, and Chair of the Senate Rules Committee, I have a responsibility to all Oregonians to increase standards of living and defend fundamental rights and privileges. I am committed to protecting Oregon families, creating jobs, supporting schools and taking care of our most vulnerable citizens. For that reason, I am a staunch supporter of an increased wireless broadband network and a reliable means of Internet access for all Americans.

As you know, the merger between T-Mobile and AT&T will create an expansive network that meets the goals for wireless broadband in my state and district. By permitting these two companies to combine resources, the FCC would be paving the way for technological innovation and much needed economic development. In fact, AT&T has pledged to invest an additional \$8 billion toward growing their network to cover more than 97 percent of the population.

A reliable and wide-reaching wireless network will allow our schools to utilize distance learning tools that would enhance the quality of education for all. Working families who are faced with high unemployment and debt will be able to tap into this state-of-the-art technology to make their daily lives more enjoyable and productive. Finally, according to the Communications Workers of America, an organization of which I was a long-time member, this merger will create 96,000 quality American jobs. We cannot turn our back on these necessary advancements, and I ask that you join me in supporting this telecom merger.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to these issues.

Sincerely,

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